



Hawtree Creek Middle School~MS 297

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Dear Incoming 6th Graders and Families,

WELCOME to *Hawtree Creek Middle School!* You are the *eighth class* of students to enter HCMS and current students, teachers, parents and faculty would like to **welcome the Class of 2023!**

Since we are unable to invite you to Hawtree Creek Middle School and welcome you to our school for an Open House, all the information shared during that visit will be available on the HCMS school website: www.Hcms297.org. If you click on the tab “**Incoming 6th Grade**” you will find all the information typically given to families during Open House.

In addition, the HCMS website is filled with important and relevant school information such as Remote Learning, curriculum, upcoming events, resources, and school contact information. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the school website as it is the primary way of communicating with our school community. Other HCMS social media available to our school community:

- HCMS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Hawtree-Creek-Middle-School-MS-297-1153047238050719/>
- HCMS Instagram page: @hcms_panthers
- HCMS Art Instagram page: @hawtreecreek_art
- HCMS P.E. Instagram page: @hcms_pe_health

Middle school is quite different from elementary school and our goal is to prepare each student for the rigors of 7th and 8th grade, and high school. There is a certain amount of independence expected of a student in middle school. To promote independence and autonomy, students are held accountable for their academic and behavioral choices; engage in a large amount of collaboration; and have great support from the HCMS staff!

One of the ways we prepare students for the upper grades and high school is through a great emphasis on reading: independently and through curriculum. The 6th grade summer reading list and journal responses are available on the school website under the “Incoming 6th Grade” tab. Students are expected to read and respond to a minimum of 3 novels this summer, but are welcome to read and respond to more if they wish. **Please note that ALL 6th graders are required to read City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau as one of the required 3 novels.**

Please be sure to have the correct immunizations for school in September. Children in grades 6 through 12 must also meet the requirements for The Tdap booster and MenACWY (meningococcal conjugate) vaccines.

If you have any questions please feel free to e mail: mhussey2@schools.nyc.gov OR nnapolitano3@schools.nyc.gov.

Welcome to *HAWTREE CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL!*

Sincerely,

Dr. Hussey

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